



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 6, 2004

### **H.R. 4650**

### **Wichita Project Equus Beds Division Authorization Act of 2004**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 22, 2004*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 4650 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the funding and implementation of the Equus Beds Aquifer Recharge project in Wichita, Kansas. This aquifer is a primary source of water for the city of Wichita, along with the Cheney Reservoir. The federal share of the cost of this project could not exceed 25 percent of total costs, or a maximum of \$30 million.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$14 million over the 2005-2009 period, including adjustments for anticipated inflation. Enacting this bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4650 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The federal funds authorized by this bill would benefit the city of Wichita. Any expenditures made by the city to provide the required matching funds would be made voluntarily.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4650 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	3	3	3	3	3
Estimated Outlays	2	3	3	3	3

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 4650 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2005 and that the authorized amount will be appropriated in equal amounts over the 2005-2014 period. Currently, the estimate of the project's total cost is \$117 million. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the federal share of the project's cost would be the authorized maximum of \$30 million. Based on historical spending patterns of similar projects, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$14 million over the 2005-2009 period, including adjustments for anticipated inflation.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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